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SRNS EM Operations Softball Team Donates Winnings to Local Charity

AIKEN, S.C. Aug. 15, 2016 – The Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) Environmental Management Operations (EM Ops) department at the Savannah River Site (SRS) stepped up to the plate during the twelfth annual SRS United Way Softball Tournament, all to benefit a local charity.

The EM Ops team, Team Black Ops, came in second by a narrow margin at the tournament, winning over \$2,500 for their charity Area Churches Together Serving, or ACTS. Formed in 1986 by area churches to centralize area food and clothing donations, ACTS is a nonprofit organization that serves residents of Aiken County. ACTS has four staff members, a board of directors, more than 40 member churches and nearly 300 volunteers who greet and interview clients; assist them with food, clothing and referrals; negotiate with utility companies; keep records; and provide maintenance of the facility.

Team Black Ops was headed by SRNS Senior Vice President EM Operations Wyatt Clark. Prior to the event at Citizens Park in Aiken, S.C., Clark and other employee “owners” raised money for their team so they could then “buy” players. The players ranged from \$20 to \$350, depending on their skill level.



Savannah River Nuclear Solutions (SRNS) Senior Vice President EM Operations Wyatt Clark (left), and SRNS H Canyon Building/Crane First Line Manager Dan Billings(right) present their winnings from the annual United Way Softball Tournament to Area Churches Together Serving Executive Director Carla Cloud.

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Clark credits Dan Billings, Building/Crane First Line Manager in H Canyon and EM Ops Softball Tournament Coordinator, for the success of the team. “Dan is the mastermind behind all of this,” Clark said. “He was the champion and the motivator, always pushing the EM Ops leadership team to give their best effort. Not to mention, he is a great softball player!”

Besides coordinating the team, Billings helped to raise funds to buy players through the sale of chicken he smoked himself. “Not everyone can play, but everyone likes chicken,” he said. He said he was proud to have participated and given aid to ACTS because he believes in what they do. “They help people from all walks of life, and we were honored to play to benefit their organization,” he said.

On July 28, Clark and Billings visited ACTS to deliver their donation to Executive Director Carla Cloud. Cloud said that last year ACTS provided over \$106,000 in utility assistance for Aiken residents in 2015. This does not include the other assistance ACTS provides. “This money and all the assistance that comes from the United Way goes to our neighbors, and our community,” she said. “We are grateful to the Black Ops Team for their support.”

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